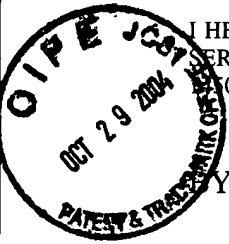


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**RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION MAILED OCTOBER 19, 2004**

This response is provided to address the Communication mailed by the Examiner on October 19, 2004. It is timely filed on October 27, 2004, in advance of the deadline of November 19, 2004.

In the Communication, the Examiner has pointed out that the Amendment Accompanying A Request for Continued Examination was not entered as an unsigned version was received by the USPTO. As the Examiner has assumed, this omission was unintentional and the applicants appreciate that the Examiner has drawn their attention to it so it may be redressed.

To that end, enclosed are the following:

(1) Amendment Accompanying A Request for Continued Examination (signed) -

This Amendment is identical to the one filed on July 26, 2004, with the one difference being that it is signed;

(2) for the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the After Final Request for Continued Examination (signed) - as filed on July 26, 2004; and

(3) for the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (signed) – as filed on July 26, 2004.

A copy of the Communication is also included.

The fees associated with filings (2) and (3) above have been submitted with the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 filing and have been accepted by the USPTO.

It is submitted that this addresses the issues raised by the Examiner in his Communication. Admission and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

**In the event that the Examiner has any additional questions or comments related to this response, it is requested that he contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below. Additionally, should there be required the payment of any additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1-17 (Billing No. 210774.0040). including any extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).**

Respectfully submitted,

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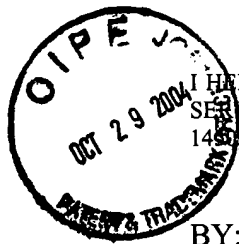
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment is filed with a Request for Reconsideration, each submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2003 (Paper No. 33) and the subsequent Advisory Action mailed April 1, 2004.

This submission is timely filed on July 26, 2004, in view of the Notice of Appeal received by the USPTO on April 26, 2004 and the Petition for a one month extension of time submitted herewith, extending the time for reply up to and including July 26, 2004.

Kindly amend the application as follows: